

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

In this preliminary amendment applicants have placed claims 18-32 in a conditions similar to those corresponding claims contained in Original Patent Serial No. 09/193,392 (claims 18-27 and 30-34 of the Parent Application). Applicants have additionally amended these claims and intend this amendment to comprise a complete response to the rejection of claims 18-27 and 30-34 set forth in the Final Office Action of September 27, 2000 in the parent application.

In this Final Office Action, and in the subsequent Advisory Action issued by the Examiner dated January 19, 2001, the Examiner rejected the claims 18-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matthews (U.S. Patent No. 6,025,837). Furthermore, the Examiner rejected claims 25-27 and 30-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davis (U.S. Patent No. 5,822,123). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

As presented herein each of the independent claims to specifically recites that upon receipt of the electronic programming guide information and keyword information including identification codes is placed into a table based upon and according to these identification codes. This feature of the invention is described at page 23, line 9-, page 24, line 13 of the specification, as well as other portions thereof. In this manner, when a user wishes to retrieve information corresponding to a specific identification code, this information is readily available from the generated table, and the entire input keywords and text in the document need not be scanned.

None of the references relied upon by the Examiner depict this feature as set forth in the claimed invention. Because of all independent claims 18, 24, 25, 30, 31 and 32 include such a limitation, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Matthews, or Davis in view of Matthews would be improper. Applicants therefore submit that the claimed invention is allowable over the prior art of record relied upon by the Examiner.

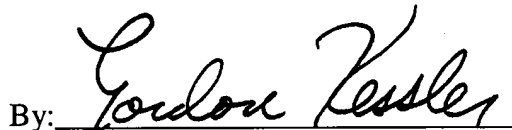
CONCLUSION

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place claims 18-32 in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner is unable to issue a notice of allowance regarding these claims, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney in order to discuss any further outstanding issues.

Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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